
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

March 11, 2022

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT

Concerning a Proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin to Adopt Total Maximum Daily Loads for Organophosphate Pesticides and Toxicity in the Lower Salinas River Watershed, Monterey County, California

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Coast Water Board) will accept public written comments on Draft Resolution No. R3-2022-0020, proposing the adoption of a resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan for the Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) and adopting the Substitute Environmental Documentation (SED) prepared to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Written comments must be received no later than **5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 26, 2022**.

The Central Coast Water Board's Basin Planning Program is considered a certified regulatory program, which means that the Board is exempt from the CEQA requirement to prepare an environmental impact report. (Public Resource Code, section 21080.5; California Code Regulations, title 14, section 15251(g)). The Board's environmental review of the proposed Basin Plan amendment is instead contained in the CEQA Analysis and Environmental Checklist document, which is part of the SED.

Hearing Date: The Central Coast Water Board will separately publish an agenda for the meeting at which it will consider adopting a resolution approving the proposed Basin Plan amendment and SED. A public notice and agenda for the hearing will be posted prior to the hearing on the [Central Coast Water Board agenda website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_info/agendas/)

Public Comments: Persons interested in providing written comments on the proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft SED are encouraged to submit comments by electronic mail. Comment letters must be received by **5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 26, 2022**. Please send all written comments to the staff person listed below. Comment letters received after that deadline will not be accepted unless approved by the Central Coast Water Board's Chair.

Materials: The proposed Basin Plan amendment and draft SED documents available for review and comment include the following: draft Resolution No. R3-2022-0020,

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proposed Basin Plan amendment, TMDL Report, CEQA Analysis Report and Environmental Checklist. These documents will be available on or before March 11, 2022 on the [TMDL project website](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/salinas/oppesticides/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/water_issues/programs/tmdl/docs/salinas/oppesticides/).

Copies of these documents will also be available upon request from the staff contact below.

Interested persons should refer to the above TMDL project website and subscribe to the project email list for any updates to this project schedule. To join the subscription email list, visit the TMDL project website (see link above) and provide your name and email address.

Staff Contact: Written comments and questions regarding this notice may be directed to Larry Harlan, 895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, (805) 594-6195 or Larry.Harlan@waterboards.ca.gov.